The **** turn'd into *Engliſh*:

To render it more intelligible to the *Merchant-man* and *Country Free-holder.*

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MY Lords and Gentlemen, I meet you again,
To tell you *What News* from the good King of *Spain*,
Whoſe Juſtice and Honour I never did doubt!
And therefore reſolved to try t'other Bout.
Derry down, down, &c.

About *Hardſhips* and *Wrongs*, and *Cruelties* too,
Done by the Proud *Spaniard*, we've had much to do;
My *Int'reſt* and *Honour* have puſhed me on,
To uſe the beſt Methods to humble the *Don.*

Such *Rights* to *preſerve* and *ſecure*, and ſuch *Trade*
Of *all my good People*, as Treaties have made:
If any thing adds to my Zeal in this Cauſe,
'Tis your *Votes* and *Addreſſes*; full as good as your Laws!

Thus arm'd with your Prudence and Wiſdom beſide,
What * humble Propoſals would do, I ſoon try'd;
Leſt theſe ſhould not move him *to make Reparation*,
To do myſelf Juſtice I made Preparation.

* *Moderate Meaſures.*

I equipp'd and ſent out a large Fleet, you all know;
Much farther than *that* I ſent Five Years ago:
By Dint of this *Fleet*, and my *ſtronger Perſuaſions*,
A Convention's concluded betwixt Spain *and theſe Nations.*

Whereby, *my good Subjects*, if they meet with no Croſſes,
Perhaps may receive the Tenth Part of their Loſſes:
When this is adjuſted, 'twill be paid to each Suitor,
And his *Trade* and *his Money preſerv'd for the future.*

In this doubtful Conjuncture, I'd nought more in View,
Than the Good of myſelf, Sir *R*----, and you;
The Convention and Articles, when laid before ye,
Can not be found Fault with by Whigg *or by* Tory.

Tho' it differs in Name, 'tis the ſame, and no more,
With the mutual Engagement we made once before:
By *this* or by *that*, each Sufferer ſhall
Be paid in Three Years, if e'er paid at all.

They might have expected as much, and no leſs,
By *Fighting* and *Warring without any Succeſs*;
I heartily wiſh, Sirs, *the Taxes were lower*,
* *But as things ſtand at preſent*, 'tis not in my Power.

* *The preſent Poſture of Affairs.*

Your Care, therefore, Gentlemen, muſt be to prepare
As much Money for *this*, as for the *laſt* Year.
Be it never ſo much, it muſt be thought good,
Since * *All Ends* are ſecur'd, without ſhedding of Blood.

* *Plunging into a War.*